

REQUIREMENTS FOR  
**ARTS EDUCATION CERTIFICATES**  
**ART | DANCE | DRAMATIC ARTS | MUSIC**  
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

➤ **PROVISIONAL ARTS EDUCATION, PREK-12 CERTIFICATE   ART | DANCE | DRAMATIC ARTS | MUSIC**

*The Provisional certificate is valid for 3 years and is not renewable, but may be extended once for 3 years.*

**Requirements for the Provisional Arts Education, PreK-12 certificate Art | Dance | Dramatic Arts | Music are:**

1. Completed [Application for Certification](#)
2. Appropriate Fee (See Application for Certification).
3. A photocopy of your valid Arizona Department of Public Safety Identity Verified Prints (**IVP**) fingerprint card (plastic).  
***NOTE:** Effective January 1, 2008, per Arizona State Statute A.R.S. § 15-106, an applicant who applies for a teaching certificate shall submit an **Identity Verified Prints (IVP)** Fingerprint card. For more information visit the [Arizona Department of Public Safety](#) website or call (602) 223-2279.*
4. A Bachelor's or more advanced degree from an accredited institution. Official transcript(s) must be submitted.
5. Option A, B, C or D:
  - A. Completion of a teacher preparation program in PreK-12 arts education in one of the following approved areas: art, dance, dramatic arts or music from an accredited institution or a Board-approved teacher preparation program;  
- OR -
  - B. Completion of a teacher preparation program in PreK-12 arts education in one of the following approved areas: art, dance, dramatic arts or music from an institution accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, National Association of Schools of Dance, National Association of Schools of Theatre, the National Association of Schools of Music, or National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education;  
- OR -
  - C. Thirty semester hours of education or arts education courses, including at least eight semester hours of elementary and secondary methods in the appropriate certificate area and twelve semester hours of practicum in the appropriate certificate area grades PreK-12. Two years of verified full-time teaching experience in the appropriate certificate area in grades PreK-12 may substitute for the twelve semester hours of practicum. Submit a [Verification of Teaching Experience](#) form signed and completed by the District Superintendent or Personnel/HR Director to verify teaching experience;  
- OR -
  - D. A valid arts education, PreK-12 certificate from another state.
6. Professional Knowledge Elementary or Secondary Exam.  
**One of the following:**
  - A. A passing score on the *NES Assessment for Professional Knowledge: **Elementary*** or the *NES Assessment for Professional Knowledge: **Secondary*** **OR** A passing score on the AEPA Professional Knowledge Elementary or AEPA Professional Knowledge Secondary (replaced by the NES Assessments).
  - B. A valid comparable certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Submit a notarized copy of the certificate.
  - C. Three (3) years of full-time teaching arts education, PreK-12 in the appropriate area. Submit a [Verification of Teaching Experience](#) form signed and completed by the District Superintendent or Personnel/HR Director to verify teaching experience.
7. Subject Knowledge Exam.  
**One of the following:**
  - A. A passing score on the appropriate Subject Knowledge Art or Music portion of the Arizona Educator Exam ([NES](#) or [AEPA](#)). If a subject knowledge proficiency assessment is not offered (Dance or Dramatic Arts), an approved area of 24 semester hours from an accredited institution is required.
  - B. A valid comparable certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Submit a notarized copy of the certificate.
  - C. Master's degree from an accredited institution in the appropriate area – applies to Art and Music, only.

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8. Verification of state approved Structured English Immersion (SEI) training or comparable state approved SEI training from another state to qualify for the Provisional SEI endorsement. Option A if certified before August 31, 2006. Option B if certified on or after August 31, 2006:

- A. Verification of one (1) semester hour or fifteen (15) clock hours of state approved SEI training.
- B. Verification of three (3) semester hours or forty-five (45) clock hours of state approved SEI training.

**NOTE:** The Provisional SEI endorsement is valid for three years. An additional three semester hours of state approved SEI training will be required to qualify for the Full SEI endorsement.

*Individuals who hold an Arizona Full Bilingual or Full ESL endorsement are exempt from the SEI endorsement requirement. The requirement for a Provisional SEI endorsement may be waived for a period not to exceed one year for individuals who graduate from administrator or teacher preparation programs that are not approved by the Arizona State Board of Education and meet all other applicable certification requirements.*

9. Arizona Constitution (a college course or the appropriate examination).
10. U.S. Constitution (a college course or the appropriate examination).

**NOTE:** If you otherwise qualify for the certificate but are deficient in Arizona and/or U.S. Constitution you have 3 years under a valid teaching certificate to fulfill the requirement, except that if you are teaching an academic course on History, Government, Social Studies, Citizenship, Law, or Civics, you have 1 year to fulfill the requirement(s).

➤ **STANDARD ARTS EDUCATION, PREK-12 CERTIFICATE   ART | DANCE | DRAMATIC ARTS | MUSIC**

*The Standard Arts Education certificate is valid for 6 years and is renewable.*

Requirements for the Standard Arts Education, PreK – 12 certificate Art | Dance | Dramatic Arts | Music are:

1. Qualify and hold the Provisional Arts Education certificate for 2 years.
2. Two years of verified teaching experience during the valid period of the Provisional certificate may be used to convert the Provisional certificate to a Standard certificate. Submit a conversion form signed by the District Superintendent or Personnel Director verifying two years of full-time teaching experience during the valid period of the Provisional certificate being converted.
3. Verification of 3 semester hours or 45 clock hours of state approved Structured English Immersion (SEI) training or comparable state approved SEI training from another state to qualify for the Full SEI endorsement.  
**NOTE:** Individuals who hold a Full Bilingual or Full ESL endorsement are exempt from the SEI endorsement requirement.

4. A photocopy of your valid Arizona Department of Public Safety Identity Verified Prints (**IVP**) fingerprint card (plastic).

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